

I CLAIM:

1 1. A method of forming a fishing lure combination comprising:

2 (a) a fishing hook comprising

3 (i) a first section having a barbed point continuing to first hook shaft;

4 (ii) a second section having a curved hook shaft extending from the first hook
5 shaft; and

6 (iii) a third section having a fishing line connection at the end of a third hook
7 shaft extending from the curved second hook shaft,

8 (b) connecting a fishing line to the fishing line connection, where the fishing line
9 extends to a fishing reel and the fishing hook is adapted to be drawn through
10 a body of water by the fishing line so that the a barbed point is pointed
11 substantially in the direction of the fishing line near the fishing line
12 connection;

13 (c) one or more stay pieces consisting of elastomer or polymer substantially
14 firmer than of a soft bait and formed into a frustro conical solid body with a
15 central axis, a small, threadable end and a larger abutting end

16 (d) inserting the barbed point into an abutting end along the central axis of a first
17 stay piece and threading the first stay piece from the first hook shaft to the
18 second hook shaft, where the first stay piece is substantially secured in place
19 in the second section by compression of the second hook shaft;

20 (e) the soft bait having a head section, a mid section and a tail section, the soft
21 bait comprising substantially all elastomer or pliable polymer substantially
22 softer than the stay pieces, the steps of applying the soft bait to the hook
23 comprising:

24 (i) piercing the head section with the barbed point and threading the soft bait
25 onto the hook so that the barbed point emerges before reaching the mid
26 section;

27 (ii) threading the pierced head section along the first and second sections to
28 encounter the threadable end of the first stay piece; and

29 (iii) pushing the head section against the threadable end until the soft bait is
30 pierced by and passes free the first stay piece to be located at the third
31 section; and
32 (f) moving the first stay piece adjacent to an outside surface of the head section
33 so that the abutting end prevents the head section from moving toward the
34 second section.

1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein a radial diameter of the threadable end measured
2 normal to the central axis ranges from 0.5 to 5 millimeters and the soft bait is not
3 substantially damaged by drawing the first stay piece through the soft bait.

1 3. The method of claim 2 wherein a radial diameter of the abutting end measured
2 normal to the central axis ranges from 2 to 10 millimeters and the soft bait is not
3 substantially damaged by drawing the first stay piece through the soft bait.

1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein a part of the mid section or tail section is pierced
2 sufficiently by the barbed point so that the soft bait protects the barbed point from
3 snagging on underwater obstructions.

1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein a second stay piece is pierced by inserting the
2 barbed point into a second threadable end and threading the second stay piece onto
3 the first hook shaft or the second hook shaft at least a short distance from the barbed
4 point, where the second stay piece is substantially secured in place by compression of
5 the first or second hook shaft.

1 6. The method of claim 5 wherein a part of the mid section or tail section is pierced
2 sufficiently by the barbed point so that the soft bait protects the barbed point from
3 snagging on underwater obstructions and the second stay piece is moved such that its
4 abutting end is adjacent to an outside surface of the soft bait in the mid section or tail
5 section enclosing the barbed point.

1 7. The method of claim 1 wherein the third section comprises one or more stay barbs
2 pointed substantially in the direction of the fishing line connection and the stay barbs
3 are embedded in the head section.

1 8. The method of claim 7 wherein the fishing hook, stay piece and soft bait are drawn
2 through a body of water and the head piece cannot move downward from its position on
3 the third hook shaft because of opposition thereto by the first stay piece and the stay
4 barbs.

1 9. A method of forming a fishing lure combination comprising:

2 (a) a fishing hook comprising

3 (i) a first section having a barbed point continuing to first hook shaft;

4 (ii) a second section having a curved hook shaft extending from the first
5 hook shaft; and

6 (iii) a third section having a fishing line connection at the end of a third
7 hook shaft extending from the curved second hook shaft,

8 (b) connecting a fishing line to the fishing line connection, where the fishing line
9 extends to a fishing reel and the fishing hook is adapted to be drawn through
10 a body of water by the fishing line so that the a barbed point is pointed
11 substantially in the direction of the fishing line near the fishing line
12 connection;

13 (c) first and second stay pieces consisting of elastomer or polymer substantially
14 firmer than of a soft bait and formed into a frustro conical solid body with a
15 central axis, a small, threadable end and a larger abutting end;

16 (d) inserting the barbed point into a threadable end of the first stay piece and
17 threading the first stay piece from the first hook shaft to the second hook
18 shaft, where the first stay piece is substantially secured in place in the second
19 section by compression of the second hook shaft;

- 20 (e) inserting the barbed point into an abutting end of the second stay piece and
21 threading the second stay piece a distance the first stay;
22 (f) the soft bait having a head section, a mid section and a tail section, the soft
23 bait comprising substantially all elastomer or pliable polymer substantially
24 softer than the stay pieces, the steps of applying the soft bait to the hook
25 comprising:
26 (i) piercing the head or mid section with the barbed point and threading
27 the soft bait onto the hook so that the barbed point emerges before
28 reaching the head or mid section;
29 (ii) threading the pierced head section along the hook shaft to encounter
30 the threadable end of the second stay piece; and
31 (iii) pushing the head or mid section against the threadable end of the
32 second stay piece until the soft bait is pierced by and passes free of
33 the second stay piece; and
34 (g) moving the first stay piece adjacent to an outside surface of the soft bait so
35 that the abutting end contacts the soft bait.

1 10. The method of claim 9 wherein a radial diameter of the threadable end measured
2 normal to the central axis ranges from 0.5 to 5 millimeters and the soft bait is not
3 substantially damaged by drawing the first stay piece through the soft bait.

1 11. The method of claim 10 wherein a radial diameter of the abutting end measured
2 normal to the central axis ranges from 2 to 10 millimeters and the soft bait is not
3 substantially damaged by drawing the first stay piece through the soft bait.